



Compact-Eligible Country Report \* January - March 2008

## **Proposed Goal**

Burkina Faso's proposed Program is expected to promote economic growth in the rural sector by (i) fostering land tenure security by strengthening the land planning regime, implementing a mediation and conflict resolution mechanism, and formalizing access to land rights; (ii) investing in irrigation and watershed management infrastructure and improving existing agro-industrial supply chains; (iii) constructing national roads and feeder roads.

## **Update on Progess**

- Since November 2006, MCC staff and consultants have been reviewing technical documents and frequently traveling to Burkina Faso to assess the feasibility of the investments proposed by the MCA-Burkina compact development team (MCA-Burkina).
- In March 2007, Ambassador Danilovich traveled to Burkina Faso to visit a girlfriendly school built under the Threshold Program and to review compact development progress.
- On December 5, 2007, MCC announced a grant agreement with the Government of Burkina Faso to provide up to \$9.43 million to support Burkina Faso's development of the Compact. The funding will be used to support the establishment of an accountable entity, to fund the first year's fees for the fiscal and procurement agents, to secure stakeholder participation in the preparation of a new land law and code, to complete final design and environmental assessment work for the roads project, and to collect baseline data for monitoring and evaluation activities. This grant is complementary to the considerable resources, approximately \$5 million, the government of Burkina Faso has contributed to the development of its Compact proposal.
- MCC and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) are working
  with the government of Burkina Faso to facilitate the extension of the successful
  MCC threshold program focused on girls' primary education.
- Negotiations with the procurement and fiscal agents have been concluded and mobilization of the agents is expected by March. MCA-Burkina has nearly completed its selection of key staff for the implementation of the projects, and MCC is providing guidance on the evaluation and selection processes.
- In January 2008, several missions with MCC staff and consultants visited Burkina Faso to further refine the activities and budgets associated with the proposed land, roads, rural agricultural development projects, in coordination with MCA-Burkina.
- The transaction team and MCA-Burkina continue to working on due diligence of the project components and preparation for implementation and management of the Compact.

Compact Status	
Status	Eligible
<b>Compact Information</b>	
Proposed Amount Proposed Duration	
<b>Country Informati</b>	on
Population	
Compact Process Stage	Completed
✓ Eligibility Notification	11-08-2005
✓ Proposal Receipt	10-24-2006
✓ Opportunity Memo	11-09-2006
✓ Congressional Notification on Compact Negotiations	01-10-2008
Investment Memo	)
Board Approval	
Compact Signing	
Entry Into Force	
Initial Disbursement	